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Enclosed herewith, please find the following documents and sheets.

1. Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a five-month extension.
2. Request For An Oral Hearing.
3. Appeal Brief.

Respectfully submitted
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